

THE PRESIDENT'S VICTORY.

A Triumph Which Will Redound to the Credit of the Republican Party.

The settlement of the coal strike will be a magnificent tribute to the intelligence, courage and originality of President Roosevelt, and incidentally it will be a triumph for the republican party. Most men in the coal strike place would have kept their hands off in a contest of this sort. There is, for the general run of politicians, the most destructive sort of dynamite in a labor conflict, even though, as in this instance, the strikers are antagonized by the most powerful combine of monopolists in the country. The average party worker in such a case steers clear of such a fight, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. There were many men in the country—men who were strong admirers of the president—who were against his interference in this trouble in any way. They thought, and some of them said, that it was beneath the dignity of a president to have anything to do with a labor conflict, particularly where, as in the one now drawing to a close, there was so much passion shown by the adherents of the respective sides.

But the president is not a mere politician. Moreover, as president of the whole people, he is something more than a party leader. He saw that the conflict already inflicted vast harm on the community, and he also saw that unless it was brought to an end quickly it would be calamitous to the country. As all efforts which had been made to get a truce between the contestants had failed, he determined

AN EVANESCENT ISSUE.

Ending of the Coal Strike Has Punctured the New York Democratic Platform.

Secretary Shaw said in one of his speeches a few days ago that the democratic party is expending its energies in seeking an issue on which to win public confidence rather than in formulating wise policies to be carried out after the campaign is over. That is true, and it has been characteristic of the party for years past. Its platform has been makeshift and its policies of the kind warranted to last only till election day. They do not always last even that long, as witness the collapse of the New York platform framed by ex-Senator David B. Hill. A little more than a fortnight ago the democrats of the Empire state made a strong declaration in favor of the national ownership and operation of the anthracite coal mines by the exercise of the right of eminent domain. The platform declared that this was the only way to end the strike and to "insure peace in the mining regions and remove the cause for differences leading not only to suffering, but oftentimes to bloodshed and insurrection." To further emphasize the desirability of government ownership and operation of the mines, it was declared: "It will relieve the consumers of coal not only in this state, but throughout the whole country; insure steady employment and ample compensation to labor; transfer children from the mines to the schools; insure, strengthen and preserve the stability of the business interests and of the popular institutions of our country." This declaration

A Fish Aids Science.

There appears to be no limit to scientific curiosity, especially in Germany. Recently Herr Regnard at Leipzig, wishing to ascertain whether fish are warmer than the water they live in, stuck a needle connected with a thermo-electric circuit into a living fish in an aquarium. The needle formed one element of the circuit, while the other element was immersed in the same water that contained the fish. The latter was not seriously injured by the needle, and quickly became indifferent to it. Then, as the fish swam about, carrying the needle, the ingenious savant closed the circuit and kept watch of the galvanometer. It showed no deflection whatever, from which he concluded that the fish and the water were precisely equal in temperature. For had either been warmer than the other a current would have been generated in the circuit.—Youth's Companion.

"City of Gold."

An ingenious project for the coming Paris exposition, and one which has chances of being accepted, is that of the "City of Gold"—a historical exhibition of the progress of banking. One section will show the processes for obtaining the precious metals, with models of the different kinds of mines; another will show the conversion of the metals into coin, and the workings of the mint; still another the progress of all kinds of commercial papers, with reproductions of historical banks, from the Strozzi and the Medici to the Rothschilds and the Bank of France. There will be a gallery of portraits of great financiers, and a reconstruction of the Pont au Change as it was in the middle ages, connected with streets representing various historical periods.—N. Y. Sun.

A Smoking Contest.

A tobacco-smoking contest was recently held at St. Maurice, near Lille, France. The conditions of the match involved the smoking of an ounce and three-quarters of tobacco in a pipe. There were 50 competitors, and the victory fell to M. Daas, a gentleman 45 years of age, who consumed the specified quantity in exactly 13 minutes, while the second best was a smoker who got through the ounce and three-quarters in 20 minutes. Considering that there are many tobacco-manufacturers who find one ounce of tobacco a fair week's allowance, M. Daas achieved a very remarkable performance.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Frits and Finery.

Large darts are seen on the most expensive veils. One can use up last winter's feathers to rare advantage on this winter's hats. Fur, velvet and brocade are exquisitely combined in the most elegant imported loose coats and opera mantles. The lining is of satin. The change in sleeves for outer garments is not so radical as that in gowns and house jackets. The full pigot continues popular, and the bishop sleeve is still to the fore, being particularly suitable in the fashionable box coat.—Chicago Record.

Answered.

The nervous little man with the meek, straw-colored whiskers had already tackled everybody else in the car, but he walked past the bushy-browed old party several times before he mustered up courage to say: "Excuse me, sir, but I'm taking a straw vote."

"Straw! straw!" snarled the old man, glaring like the first villain in a cheap melodrama. "Well, I'm no sucker."—Detroit News.

Persia.

The kingdom of Persia was founded by Cyrus the Great, who reigned from B. C. 559 to B. C. 529. From his accession to the present time there have been four great dynasties, which, with their collateral branches, have ruled the country during the intervening time. In all, Persia has had about 118 kings—Persian, Tartar, Greek and Mogul.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Last Request.

"Have you anything to say?" inquired he shortly.

"Only one thing," said the condemned man, as he loosened the noose so that he could speak with more ease. "I want to catch that man with the snapshot camera and throw him out. I do not want to be disgraced by amateur photographs."—N. Y. Truth.

Following Instructions.

Master—McFlynn, I told you I wanted hot water, and the first thing in the morning, too; this is as cold as ice.

McFlynn—Shure, it was hot when Oi brought it up, and didn't Oi have it at the door last night just to be in time, sor?—Washington Times.

Asking Too Much.

"I demand to be recognized!" "I recognized the membership from the Empty-Eighth district."

"Impossible!" said the speaker, looking freely through her lorgnette. "The lady is not in our set."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE MARKETS.

EGGS—Fresh	18	99	19
EGGS—Fresh (Missouri)	18	99	19
LARD—Choice Steam	.....	17	16
CHICAGO			
CATTLE—Native Steers	7 00	6 80	6 60
HOGS—Fair to Choice	6 25	6 10	5 90
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	3 50	3 40	3 30
WHEAT—No. 2	3 40	3 30	3 20
WHEAT—No. 3	3 40	3 30	3 20
WHEAT—No. 4	3 40	3 30	3 20
CORN—No. 2 Yellow	70	69	68
OATS—No. 2	20	19	18
OATS—No. 3	16 00	16	15
KANSAS CITY			
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 90	4 80	4 75
HOGS—Fair to Choice	5 50	5 40	5 35
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	67	67	67
WHEAT—No. 3	67	67	67
OATS—No. 1 White	25	25	25
OATS—No. 2	25	25	25
NEW ORLEANS			
FLOUR—High Grade	2 50	67	4 10
CORN—No. 2	.....	67	17
OATS—No. 2	.....	67	17
WHEAT—No. 2	.....	67	17
POULTRY—Hens	.....	67	19 00
BACON—Short Rib Sides	.....	67	16
COTTON—Midland	.....	67	16
LOUISVILLE			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	62	61	60
CORN—No. 2	74	73	72
OATS—No. 2	30 1/2	30 1/2	31
POULTRY—Hens	125	125	125
COTTON—Midland	.....	67	16